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Day of Service Encouraged for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Gaithersburg, MD **(December 14, 2018)** To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman will issue an official proclamation at the Mayor and City Council meeting on Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The proclamation calls for residents to honor Dr. King's memory by participating in a Day of Service, and it will be received by representatives of Seneca Creek Community Church and participants in the City's Youth Centers and Student Union.

On Monday, January 21, 2019, from 9 to 11 a.m., Gaithersburg is joining with Seneca Creek Community Church and Montgomery County government to host a morning of service projects that will benefit the most vulnerable in our community. More than 20 activities suitable for a variety of ages and skill levels will be conducted at the church, located at 13 Firstfield Road in Gaithersburg.

Among the planned activities, (subject to change) are crafting paracord bracelets for military personnel, thank you banners for first responders, and Superhero Capes and blankets for critically ill children. Participants can also assemble appreciation packs for local law enforcement officials, sweet treats for teachers, and meals and toiletry kits for those experiencing homelessness. Other activities include making pet toys for animal shelters, creating holiday centerpieces for seniors, and participating in a "We Are Gaithersburg" selfie opportunity.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The Gaithersburg location, now in its sixth year of operation, is one of six sites in Montgomery County hosting Day of Service activities. The others are in North Bethesda, Silver Spring, Germantown, Rockville, and Olney. For more information and to register for all volunteer projects visit the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html. For more information on Community Service efforts in Gaithersburg visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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